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Senator Abrams, Representative Steinberg, Ranking Members Hwang, Somers, and Petit, and distinguished members of the Public Health Committee

I am writing today to express my support for HB 5303, An Act Concerning Continuing Medical Education Requirements Concerning Endometriosis And Cultural Competency And The Creation Of A Plan For An Endometriosis Data And Biorepository Program

According to the WHO, endometriosis affects 190 million women a year, but after taking part in the Endometriosis working group, and listening to hours of testimony from Endometriosis sufferers, it is abundantly clear to me that we do not have a true understanding of how many are actually affected. I support HB 5303 because it not only continues to require additional education on endometriosis, but it also looks into cultural competency, which addresses disparity of treatment based on race and gender identities. This could help to increase the rate of accurate and earlier diagnosis, a necessary step in helping the millions more who suffer from a disorder that may go otherwise unidentified.

It's time we help the women who have to live with endometriosis every day.

Thank you for your time and I implore the Public Health Committee to support HB 5303.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aimee Berger-Girvalo".

Aimee Berger-Girvalo  
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